

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

A Work Session of the Mayor and City Council session was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Sesma, and Spiegel. Council Member Absent: Ashman. Staff present: Acting City Manager Tomasello, Environmental Planner Backe, Community Services Director Herndon, Engineering Services Director Mumpower, and participating members from the Educational Enrichment Committee, Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Transportation Committee.

I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. Annual Briefing from the Environmental Affairs Committee

Environmental Planner Dyan Backe introduced Environmental Affairs Committee (EAC) Co-Chairs Karen Rainbolt and Doug Wolf who presented a brief PowerPoint detailing the committee's efforts and outlining future goals for the upcoming year. The presentation covered the committee's efforts in the areas of community outreach, recognition, programs, and action. Following the presentation, the Mayor and Council thanked the EAC members for their contributions to the City and provided recommendations regarding the nomination process for the Environmental Awards, recycling, and coordinating with other City committees on various environmental initiatives. It was also noted that there will be an opportunity in the near future for the EAC to review draft Green Purchasing guidelines and that an evaluation of locations for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations could be useful to the City.

B. Annual Briefing from the Transportation Committee

Transportation Committee members Larry Seeger and Bill Snyder and staff liaison Ollie Mumpower presented a brief PowerPoint detailing the committee's FY 12 accomplishments as well as a preview of topics of discussion for the upcoming year. FY 12 area of focus included: a review of the FY 13 transportation related CIP budget items, updates on the pathway on the west side of the NIST campus along MD 124, the Tourist Area Corridor (TAC) program, a pathway connection between Conservation Lane and Quince Orchard Park, the development of a path on the east side of the NIST campus along I-270 and signing for off-road bike paths. Future topics of discussion included: moving from the planning to the construction stage for the various pathway projects detailed above, looking into bike sharing opportunities in Gaithersburg and finalizing locations of Bike to Work day pit stops for next year's Bike to Work event.

C. Annual Briefing from the Educational Enrichment Committee

Educational Enrichment Committee staff liaison Maureen Herndon and committee member Barbara Kupperman presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the mission and work plan of the committee including focus areas for the FY 14 grants programs. Focus areas include: clearer grant applications and instructions, more innovative programming for high school literary contests, CHARACTER COUNTS! revitalization and the school liaison outreach program.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.